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THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) & (*b*) No special investigation about the feasibility of starting new cement factories in Tirunelveli district has been carried out. The Geological Survey of India have, however, conducted a general survey of the geology and mineral resources of the area, as part of their programme of systematic geological survey and mapping. They have reported that there are large reserves of good limestone, about 9 million tons available in Sattankulam area, south of Nazareth Railway Station and that this area is ideally suited for a cement industry.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : Sir, what are the requirements for opening a cement factory in any place?

MR. SPEAKER : The hon. Member cannot ask information on that. The Hon. Minister cannot answer that big question in an answer to a supplementary question. The hon. Member may put a separate question.

SRI K. RAMASUBBU : திருநெல்வேலி மாவட்டத்திலுள்ள எல்லா தாலூக்காக்களிலும் இந்த " இன்வெஸ்டிகேஷன் " நடந்ததா?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : இந்த ஜில்லா பூராவிலும் நடந்தது.

SRI K. RAMASUBBU : நாங்குனேரியில் ராதாபுரம் தாலூகாவில் இதற்கு வேண்டிய கற்கள் இருப்பதாகத் தெரிவிக்கப்பட்டதா?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : நாங்குனேரியில் இதற்கு வேண்டிய " லைம்ஸ்டோன்ஸ்" அகப்படுகின்றன.

Road works

* 488 *Q.*—SRI T. T. DANIEL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of nominal muster roll workers employed on road construction in the Kanyakumari district; and

(*b*) the daily rates of wages paid to each adult and non-adult worker ?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : (*a*) Five hundred and eighty-two.

(*b*) Adult worker—Rs. 1–8–0 per day.

Other workers—Re. 1–0–0 per day.

SRI T. T. DANIEL : Sir, the road workers in Kanyakumari district are now working on the basis of daily wages whereas the road workers in the other districts are permanent coolies. Will the Government be pleased to consider to make those workers also permanent ? May I know whether there is any proposal to reduce the number of road workers in that district ?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Representations may be addressed to the Department by the Union of these workers, if any, for making them permanent workers.